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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Burke, Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P
FROM : Chief, Materiel Branch - DPD-DD/P
SUBJECT : P2V-7 Program
REFERENCE : Memo from [redacted] dated 8 April 1959,
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1. I concur with [redacted] general definition of "normal materiel matters" and it is true that we differ on one essential point---the concept of a central or over-all coordinating point.

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2. Before considering a change to present policy, I suggest a review of the P2V-7 Program to date. Even the most cursory examination of its history will reflect a conglomeration of diverse efforts, changes, and personalities the results of which we are still forced to live with. Granted that confusion and misdirected effort are the very things that [redacted] myself and many others wish to eliminate, I believe that our recent reorganization has brought us a long way toward that goal. I submit, however, that further advancement can best be achieved by following a program comparable to the weapons system program developed by AMC after many painful years of experience and expense.

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3. I maintain that adequate coordination can be effected if properly monitored and that monitorship, in this case, should be accomplished by a group rather than an individual. I believe that a group of concerned individuals, headed by a member of the Operations Staff---the element which is most cognizant of the mission requirement, i.e., the reason for the program in the first place---should convene as frequently as necessary to plan, distribute responsibility and review accomplishment of the various facets of the program. Under this concept, materiel tasks are given to the Materiel representatives, Research and Development tasks to the R&D representative, etc. Determination of what area a task falls into can be agreed to by the group as a whole and assigned accordingly.

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Furthermore, the group concept gives greater assurance that all areas will be given adequate attention. The convenings of this group, its task assignments, problems and solutions should be recorded in the form of progress reports. (This concept does not include monitorship of the application of the weapon in carrying out its mission.)

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